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CRIMINALS

Being Captured by Sheriff R. A. Stone Very Frequently.

Charley Vanhose is again in the toll. Again he is the guest of the jailer of Lawrence County, and this time he will probably be urged to stay sufficiently strong to make him remain for a considerable term. Some two years ago Charles was an inmate of the county Bastille. While there he thought the weather a little cool for comfort, so he tried to use the whole business for grate and the prisoners for fuel. This made him guilty of arson, with Frankfort looming up in the distance. He also had a charge of obtaining goods and money by false pretenses. He had been a laborer on the railroad, with about thirty dollars to his credit and unpaid. He negotiated with W. M. Justice and got cash and merchandise for his claim. He then told Green Meek a nice little story about the same claim, and Meek came down with the stuff. When a show down was had Justice "beat Meek to it," as the crisp slang of the day has it, and got his money. As has been said, Vanhose's chances for the Capital were good, but when things looked their worst a friend came along and bailed Charles out. And Charles promptly jumped his bond. He has been a fugitive from justice ever since until a few days ago, say for exactness, August 14, when Sheriff R. A. Stone found him up about the head of Paint Creek, W. Va. Dick had been following various trails and scent, at times almost bagging his prey, but until the time mentioned he was successful in eluding his pursuer. Stone heard of Vanhose being in the Paint Creek country. To hear was to act, and his action led to the landing of the much-wanted prisoner inside the bars. Charles will have to give a better and much bigger ball next time.

The Sheriff is almost daily adding new laurels to his already extensive collection. News came to him quite recently that Ransome Newsome, wanted in Fayette County, W. Va., was probably somewhere in this state.

And yet some more: Bill Wiley Marcum and his brother John are—or were—residents of this county near the Martin line, in the quiet Curry neighborhood. Each had a felony case against him, and Bill Wiley had also a couple of misdemeanors for good measure. Their "rep for nerve" was excellent, and nobody was around begging for a commission to arrest them. The offenses with which they were charged were committed in West Virginia, but it took a "Lawrence county officer to gather them in. Sheriff Stone hearded the lions in their den, arrested them, jailed them and turned them over to Deputy Sheriff Wayne Demron.

Guess we made no mistake when we elected Dick Stone Sheriff.

Steamboat Burned.

The sidewheel steamer Guyandotte, one of the largest of the "moose-kito fleet" boats that operate on Big Sandy River, was almost entirely destroyed by fire at the Nigh Linaber Company's landing above Normal. The fire seemed to start in the kitchen at the stern of the boat, but its origin is a mystery. The blaze was well advanced before two men asleep on the boat were awakened. The Guyandotte was owned by Albert Ron and was in charge of Capt. John Dials.

Interdenominational Meetings.

Beginning August 28 Lew W. Stanley and daughter and H. Humble and wife, of Cincinnati, will hold a series of Gospel meetings in a big tent at Fort Gay. These people are well known in their line of effort and music, vocal and instrumental, will add to the interest of the service. The hour for morning service will be 10 and for the evening, 7 o'clock. On Sunday there will be a two o'clock meeting. They will close Sept. 6.

All Sorts of a Bird.

Jim Allen, the bachelor editor of the Cynthiana Democrat, thus tells the story of a Harrison county bird-bug:

Mrs. Elizabeth Martin started early in life to feather her nest well, and has always had her eyes on the main chance. She began life as Elizabeth Bird, of Harrison county, near LaGr, Ky. Her first venture outside the home nest when she married Bud Martin. When Mr. Martin died she married Edward Crow, a farmer. When the time came to change nests she allied herself with William Robbin, and lived happy until the matrimonial season again rolled around for Mrs. Robbin. Then David Buzzard, a widower, more attractive personally and attractive socially than his name would indicate, appeared, and Mrs. Robbin became Mrs. Buzzard. Into the Buzzard roost Mrs. Buzzard carried one little Martin, two little Crows and one little Robbin. One little Buzzard was already there to welcome the other birds.

Stick Up!

Rural Mail Carriers will hereafter be required to give some attention to their personal appearance when on duty, and to have an equipment which will be creditable to the great Department which they represent. To call attention to this fact the Postmaster General has issued the following order.

"Postmasters of rural delivery offices will inform all carriers under their supervision, they are required to present a neat personal appearance, and the vehicle must be suited to the service, kept in good order by the carriers serving the routes, must be fit to work and such as will not cause discredit to the service. Laxity in these matters by the carriers will be reported to this office by postmasters.

HOMICIDE.

A Lawrence County Man Killed in Floyd County.

Last Saturday evening a 'phone message was received from Prestonsburg by Mayor Snyder, saying that a young man named Arnett had been killed by a man named Wireman, and asking that his father, Green Arnett, be informed of the tragedy. Green Arnett is an employee of Col. Jay H. Northup and lives on the Eloise farm. As soon as possible he was told of the tragic occurrence and he left at once for the scene of the homicide.

The NEWS is without further particulars.

Marrs to Ray.

In Inez, Wednesday, August 12, Miss Daisy Marrs, of Prestonsburg, was united in marriage to Mr. Ayl Ray, of Martin county. After a short stay with immediate relatives Mr. and Mrs. Ray will go to Keystone, W. Va., where Mr. Ray has a position as bookkeeper for a coal concern. He is said to be a worthy young man.

Mrs. Ray is well and favorably known in Louisa because of her connection with the Kentucky Normal College as instructor in stenography and typewriting.

She is very amiable and intelligent, quite pretty and has many friends in Louisa and elsewhere who will wish her a long and happy life.

Cecil Hewlett, who lives on the N. & W. a few miles below Fort Gay, split his leg open just below the knee last week while hawking a crossie. The gash was about 6 inches long, and a piece of bone three inches long was chipped off.

The following Catlettsburgers will leave today for a three weeks' stay to Washington, Atlantic City, and other Eastern points: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gunnell, George Gunnell, Frank Carpenter, and George R. Burgess, of Louisa—Tribune.

The Marine Insurance Company of Cincinnati used to pay \$1,000 on the Guyandotte, when the watchman was asleep when the boat caught fire.

HOUSE WARMING

For H. G. Wellman and Bride was a Nice Affair.

H. G. Wellman and wife returned from their bridal trip last week, and although a pretty home had already been prepared for their use some friends, aware that some things must have been omitted from the furnishing, thought it the proper caper to give them a house warming. This means an assemblage of friends in your residence, each bringing some article or articles adapted to the present or the future use of the newly-wedded couple. To think is to act with our people, so on Monday evening they began at an early hour to appear on the southwest corner of Jefferson and Franklin sts., and when they had deposited and opened their bundles the house looked like a good-sized department store. Wood, iron, tin, granite, glass, china—all these furnished part in the contributions of the evening. Better still each brought a message of good will and kindly wish for the continual happiness of these young people who thus auspiciously begin the voyage of life.

Luscious melons were enjoyed, and the evening was in all respects, a pleasant one to all.

Pleasant Ridge.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Mollie Roberts.

Mrs. Jepp Meek has as her guests her two daughters and children, Mrs. J. A. Moffett, and son Cecil, of the Alger House, Catlettsburg. Mrs. O. T. Heaberlin and five children, of Portsmouth, Ruby, Paul, Sam, Okley and Garnet. Mrs. Meek is very proud of her half dozen grand children.

Mrs. William Large attended the foot washing at Spencer last Sunday. Mrs. Luther Pigg and Mrs. G. B. Carter were calling at the home of Mrs. Matilda Meek.

Mont Nelson is erecting a beautiful house which is a great improvement to our neighborhood.

George Haws and wife spent last Sunday with Dunlap Bradley and family.

Sanders Wellman is clearing a new ground on the Hackworth and Burns farm.

Misses Dollie and Lockie Dameron attended an apple peeling at Uncle Joe Hutchinson's Monday night.

Uncle Joe Hutchinson is at Smoky Valley attending the Sunday school convention.

Mathew Elam, of Ashland, was visiting his sister, Mrs. John Frazier, of this place.

Miss Georgia Hutchison is somewhat better.

Roy Carter, of Yatesville, was here last week.

Pauline and Irene Carter have as their guest Miss Ruby Heaberlin, of Portsmouth.

Mountain Boy.

Olinville.

Crops are needing rain. Sunday hunting seems to be the order of the day.

Have we a law to punish persons for hunting and shooting on Sunday.

"Judging from the shooting Sunday we were inclined to believe that war was declared and that the Devil was marshaling his hosts.

Sunday school is dead here and is not likely to be reinstated this year. God pity us.

Mrs. Sarah Watson has been quite sick for several days but is convalescing.

School is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Rosa Johnson.

Our water wizards, Jim Carter and Martin Woods are doing some very efficient work here. They say that they never fail.

Augustus Casto has moved to Wm. Brainerd's farm and seems to be tired of single blessedness.

Isaac Cunningham spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Charley Rice and Jerry Cooksey were here Saturday in the interest of a general stock law.

Mex.

A Good Citizen Dead.

In the death of James Absher, who died near Torchlight last Thursday, the community and county in which he lived an honorable life, suffer a loss. He was a man in humble life, but he had as lived that his influence was all for good, and when the final summons came it found him prepared for the life beyond.

He was honest, moral, industrious, and nothing but words of regret at his untimely decease and praise for the man are uttered by those who knew him best. His wife is a sister, of Frank Pigg, of Louisa, and he was about 40 years of age and the father of 13 children. The cause of his death was peritonitis.

The widow and children of James Absher desire to thank the people of Torchlight and vicinity for the kindness shown them during the sickness and death of their husband and father.

Painfully Hurt.

Last Saturday night Jed Davis accidentally received injuries which will lay him up for several weeks. During the absence of D. J. Burchett Mr. Davis had had charge of the feed mill and the business belonging to it. A car of ice had arrived after a detention en route caused by a wreck at Savage Branch, and Mr. Davis was inspecting the cargo with a view of ascertaining the loss by melting. He had climbed up on top of the ice in the car, when his feet slipped and Mr. Davis fell to the floor, a distance of several feet. He was carried to his home and a doctor summoned. An examination revealed the fact that two ribs on the right side had been broken near the spinal column. The fractures were adjusted and the injured man made as comfortable as possible, but he suffers great pain which is controlled only by opiates.

COMMISSION

Of Education Will Meet in Frankfort September Third.

Governor Willson has called the Kentucky Educational Commission together for their first meeting on September 3rd. This commission was elected by the General Assembly in part and appointed by the Governor in the other part. It contains the leading educators of the State, as its membership includes State Superintendent J. G. Crabbe, Senator J. J. Watkins, of Sturgis, Representative J. H. Jackson, of Owenton; Dean Virginia E. Spencer, of Richmond; President Jas. K. Patterson, of Lexington; President R. N. Roark, of Richmond; President H. H. Cherry, of Bowling Green; President F. W. Hitt, of Danville; Superintendent E. H. Mark, of Louisville, and County Superintendent L. N. Taylor, of Pulaski county.

At this meeting a secretary of the commission will be chosen, who will also be given work in the office of Superintendent Crabbe, and the entire educational code of the State will be revised, and many changes in the old and new school laws will be recommended.

Richard Johnson, of East Fork, was arrested in Ashland last Friday. He had been worked up over religion for some time, and was wandering aimlessly around the streets when arrested. He was examined and was sent back home, as it was thought that he is not dangerously violent. His people promised to keep watch over him, and to report any dangerous symptoms.

Leo F. Drake was unceremoniously removed as a councilman of Huntington at a meeting of that body last week and Chas. R. Rolfe was elected in his stead. Drake now lives in this county and this fact was brought to the council's attention on account of his attendance at the Republican district convention here August the first—Ceredo Advance.

James P. McCloskey, of Huntington, well known here, has a contract to lay 80 miles of gas pipe from Warfield, Ky., to Cincinnati. This pipe is the longest in the United States.

NATURAL GAS

Found at Yatesville by Company Prospecting For Oil.

The oil prospectors working in the Yatesville neighborhood have struck a good flow of gas on the farm of George J. Carter. The gas was found at a depth of 3,000 feet.

We could not learn much about the pressure shown by the flow, but it is said to be quite strong.

The well will be sunk to a considerably greater depth unless the gas interferes. The prospectors are searching for oil rather than gas.

The prospectors are Pennsylvania people. They have a number of leases around Yatesville, this county, six miles west of Louisa.

Mr. R. H. Whaley is in charge of the work.

The K. N. C.

The 1908-9 term of the college opened Monday with excellent prospects for a successful school year. This week and next will be devoted to the work of Profs. Kennison and McClure, and they are, as usual, working like beavers. Early and late they are in their school rooms at work. Their untiring industry must be infectious, for their pupils are similarly industrious and faithful. On the first of September the common school department will open its doors, and it is to be hoped that every girl and boy in town of the school age will be in attendance. Good teachers, yes, the very best, in every department will be there to take charge of the pupils and there can be no valid excuse for non-attendance.

Mattie.

John Osborn and the Misses Ethel and Carrie Swetnam passed down our creek last week.

We are having a very interesting meeting at this place conducted by Revs. Yoak and Holland.

Mrs. J. T. Moore is preparing for an extended trip to her father, Joseph Stapleton, of Flat Gap, Ky.

Kay Jordan and Miss Mondane McKinster, of Blaine, were visiting relatives at this place recently.

Deputy Sheriff Castle was on our creek last week.

Several young folks of Rich creek, attended church at this place Saturday and Sunday.

Harmon and Antony Blackburn were on our creek last week.

Charles Everman, of South Portsmouth, Ky., is visiting Squire Berry of this place.

Rev. Gilbert Miller, of Georges creek, attended church at this place Tuesday night.

Otto C. Gartin, one of the popular young men, of Louisa, passed up our creek last Sunday en route to visit relatives at Cordell and Blaine.

Mrs. David Castle is no better.

John Walden passed up our creek last week.

John Castle who has been a brakeman on the N. & W. for years, is visiting his father at this place.

Willie Thompson is very much improved in health.

Att More and Milt Wellman are working at Torchlight.

Henry Preston, of Louisa, is visiting F. F. Thompson, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Ball, of Lower Elaine, were visiting T. W. Ball and family.

There was court at Squire Berry's the 15th inst. The result of it was that seven boys were sent to stay a few days with Jailer Burton. This should be a lesson to the boys of our creek, who are too fond of the luscious watermelon.

Mrs. Bee Dale is seriously ill.

D. B. Johnson was visiting relatives on Meade branch recently.

T. V. Ball made a trip to Louisa last week.

M. F. Swetnam and son Oliver, were on our creek last Sunday.

Miss Betsey Berry, of Portsmouth, is visiting her father at this place for a few days.

Charles Berry and John H. Johnson were visiting H. H. Moore last week. "Two Schoolboys."

Matters Matrimonial.

The financial market may be a little ranky, the politicians of all parties may be uncertain regarding the fate of their leaders, and the "fans" fret over the outlook for their club as a pennant winner, but Dan Cupid, the reckless young fellow, continues business at the old stand. Two matrimonial deals are reported so far this week. The first transaction in this line was the marriage of Miss Gypsy Shannon, of Lick Creek, to Mont Purke, of Louisa. This occurred Sunday, but where, or who tied the knot the News is unable to say.

The next in chronological order occurred Wednesday afternoon at the home of K. F. Vinson, and the principals in the pleasant affair were Miss Grace Frasher and George Wellman, both living near Fort Gay. The Rev. L. M. Copley, of the Baptist church, performed the ceremony.

Painfully Burned.

Mrs. Mat Meek, of Arkansas, who is visiting her parents, Dunlap Waldeck and wife, was very painfully burned last Sunday morning, while assisting in the preparation of breakfast. Mrs. Waldeck had lighted a burner in the top of the gas range, and Mrs. Meek not knowing this turned on a strong flow from the oven. This was instantly ignited, the flames striking her in the face and throwing her backward several feet. Mrs. Meek's face was very much burned and she suffered severely for several hours.

Bad Freight Wreck.

A bad freight wreck occurred near Chapman last Friday. A big west-bound double-header train of fifty coal cars was derailed, some of the cars were totally wrecked. The track was not entirely cleared until next day.

CANNING FACTORY

Receiving a Fine Grade of Tomatoes and Getting Good Results.

The Louisa Canning Factory is running every other day now, and all the growers have not yet begun to deliver tomatoes. Some of the crops are late. The product brought in thus far is of excellent quality and the Big Sandy brand will certainly be up to the high standard established the first year. It is very gratifying to learn that the wholesale grocers who handled the Big Sandy brand of tomatoes and beans at any time in the past are still receiving requests for this brand, thus testifying to the high quality.

Our farmers will eventually learn that tomatoes and beans are the most profitable crops they can raise. In sections where factories have been running for years the farmers clamor for contracts. Mr. Hayes who is operating the factory this year says the factory in his home town in Indiana contracted for about 1,000 acres of product this year and refused applications for about that much more acreage. We have never been able to contract for 100 acres here.

It seems a pity that our farmers are allowing these golden opportunities to slip by, year after year.

Mr. Hayes says our lands produce a firmer and better quality of tomatoes than theirs. And yet, he can cite you to an instance near his home where about an acre of land produced \$116.00 worth of tomatoes at 19c to 20c per bushel. Our factory is paying 25c per bushel.

Triplets on Saturday and Sunday.

Between Saturday night and Sunday morning last the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Hensley, of Ceredo, was augmented by the arrival of three babies. All have been christened with a name commencing with C, and will be known as the 3-C's. Carl at birth weighed 7 pounds, Clyde weighed 6, and Clifford, the youngest, weighed 4 pounds. Carl was born on Saturday, and his brothers on Sunday. There will be a slight difference in birth days and a tight race as to which will attain his majority first—Fort Gay Leader.